

Commonwealth's Attorney

Mission:

The Commonwealth's Attorney prosecutes all felonies, all misdemeanor appeals, and certain misdemeanors and criminal forfeitures originating in York County and the City of Poquoson. The Commonwealth's Attorney advises law enforcement personnel regarding criminal law and procedure; renders advisory opinions to local officials regarding conflicts of interest; and responds to citizen's inquiries regarding State law, local ordinances, and the criminal justice system.

Goals:

- Prosecute criminal cases vigorously, successfully and efficiently.
- Ensure that crime victims are treated with sensitivity and professionalism by the criminal justice system.
- Provide effective assistance and guidance to law enforcement personnel.
- Enforce forfeitures of property used in criminal endeavors whenever possible.
- Provide prompt and accurate responses to citizen inquiries.

Implementation Strategies for FY2003:

- Expand use of the computerized docket control and case management system.
- Expand "in-house" training to meet Sheriffs' Department's mandatory requirements.
- Maintain professional excellence by providing competitive compensation.

Budget Issues:

- In FY2001, funding was included for the implementation of a computerized case management system and the purchase of furniture. The Compensation Board approved additional funding for a Career Prosecutor Program and an additional Assistant Attorney, which allowed for the upgrade of a part-time attorney to a full-time position and the addition of a support staff position. The Compensation Board also provided funding for computer equipment to finalize the installation of a computerized docket control and case management system.
- For FY2003, capital outlay funding was approved to replace a file server.

General Fund Expenditures	FY1999 Actual Expenditures	FY2000 Actual Expenditures	FY2001 Actual Expenditures	FY2002 Original Budget	FY2002 Expected Appropriations	FY2003 Adopted Budget
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Personnel Services	435,018	479,826	577,791	617,446	617,446	645,754
Contractual Services	2,085	2,646	1,837	2,800	2,800	2,800
Internal Services	444	440	658	600	600	650
Other Charges	7,968	11,023	11,390	13,700	13,700	14,000
Materials & Supplies	3,218	7,665	7,767	8,000	8,000	8,000
Capital Outlay	11,879	9,765	18,705	6,000	12,108	12,500
Grant Activity	462	-	4,636	-	1,494	-
Activity Total	<u>461,074</u>	<u>511,365</u>	<u>622,784</u>	<u>648,546</u>	<u>656,148</u>	<u>683,704</u>
Percentage Change	8.35%	10.91%	21.79%	4.14%	N/A	5.42%

FTE's

Management	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Professional/Technical	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Admin/Clerical	3.50	3.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>8.50</u>	<u>8.50</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>

